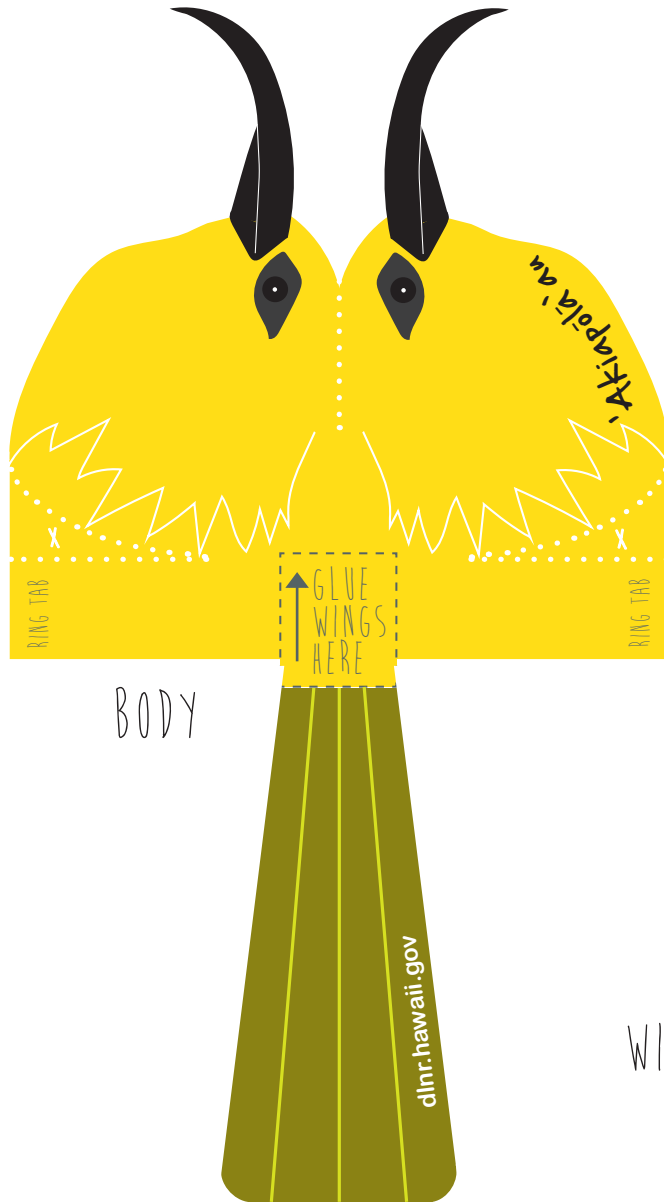
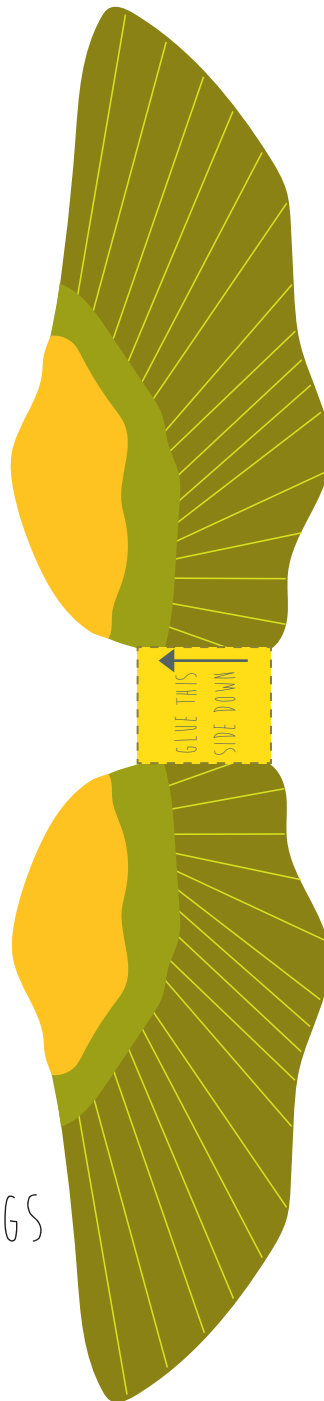


# 'AKIAPŌLĀ'AU FINGER PUPPET



BODY



WINGS

## ALL ABOUT 'AKIAPŌLĀ'AU

### SING A LITTLE SONG

'Akiapōlā'au have a rapid **WARBA WARBA**, an upslurred whistle "**cheedle-ee warble**", and a short **'SWEET'**. Male 'Akiapōlā'au have two songs they sing often one is a **'PIT-ER-IEU,**" and the other is a longer song with a rising clear **whistle** at the end.

### HAWAII'S VERY OWN WOODPECKER

Often you will find 'Akiapōlā'au in Koa trees! They feed on **INSECTS** larvae hidded within the branches and under the bark of trees! Just like a wood pecker they **HAMMER** the bark for insects. They use ther long curved bill to find the insect larvae then use their lower shorter bill to pull them out and crush them.

### HOME IS WHERE THE FOREST IS

'Akiapōlā'au were once abundant and commonly found in koa and 'ōhi'a forests or māmane and naio woodlands. Today there are much fewer 'Akiapōlā'au due to grazing animals destroying their home. These **ENDANGERED** birds can still be found in small patches of healthy forest.

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CUT ALONG DOTTED LINES (WOW YOUR FRIENDS WITH HOW MUCH YOU KNOW!)

## 'AKIAPŌLĀ'AU FINGER PUPPET DIRECTIONS

1. Print double-sided on cardstock. Cut out the body and wings. DO NOT cut off the yellow tabs (square) between wings and on the body.
2. Cut along white dotted lines behind the head of the bird to remove the piece with the white "X." Experienced scissors users can cut the yellow area between the curved white dotted line and the zig zag pattern of the bird's head for a more detailed puppet.
3. Fold along white dotted line between the eyes while matching up both sides of the beak. Glue beak together using a glue stick. Glue (staple, or tape) the bottom edge of the head (neck area) to keep sides together. Be sure to just fasten the edge as you finger will need to fit in the opening between the two pieces once the puppet is complete.
4. Fold wings up on dotted lines and glue to the body matching up the yellow tab between the wings with the yellow tab on the body. Be sure to match up the arrows so they are facing the same direction.
5. Bend ring tabs down to form a ring that fits your finger. Tape overlapping tabs together.

# ‘AKIAPOLA‘AU

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